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SUBJECT: US FERROUS SCRAP EXPORTS TO ANGOLA

1. INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY HARDSHIP ALLOCATIONS FROM SECOND
QUARTER CONTINGENCY RESERVE UNLIKELY BEFORE LATE APRIL,
WHEN DETAILED US SCRAP EXPORT DATA BY COUNTRY FOR FIRST
QUARTER 1974 SHOULD BECOME AVAILABLE. USG WILL CONSIDER
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ANGOLAN REQUEST, ALONG WITH OTHERS, FOR SECOND QUARTER

CONTINGENCY ALLOCATION.

2. WHILE IT MAY BE THAT ANGOLAN 1974 NEEDS OF 30,000 TONS WOULD MAKE "HARDLY A DENT" IN TOTAL US EXPORTS, ANGOLAN NEEDS WOULD MAKE A CONSIDERABLE DENT WHEN VIEWED MORE REALISTICALLY AGAINST THE LIMITED CONTINGENCY RESERVE, WHICH IS ONLY US SOURCE FROM WHICH THESE NEEDS COULD BE MET SO LONG AS PRESENT EXPORT CONTROL PROGRAM REMAINS IN EFFECT.

3. AS NOTED IN EARLIER STATETELS ON THIS SUBJECT, FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS (INCLUDING POSSIBLE LEGAL PROBLEMS) IT NOT RPT NOT POSSIBLE TO TRANSFER PART OF JAPAN'S QUOTA ALLOCATION TO OTHER COUNTRIES, EVEN IF JAPAN UNABLE TO FULLY UTILIZE ITS ALLOCATION. EMBASSY MAY HAVE MISINTERPRETED DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTION THAT PORTUGUESE EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES OBTAINING JAPANESE SCRAP TO MEAN THAT JAPAN MAY NOT NEED ITS FULL QUOTA ALLOCATION BECAUSE IT MAY BE A NET EXPORTER OF SCRAP. THIS NOT SO, ALTHOUGH RECENT JAPANESE STEEL PRODUCTION CUTBACKS AS RESULT OF CURRENT ENERGY SHORTAGES MAY HAVE TEMPORARILY LESSENED JAPANESE SCRAP NEEDS. WHILE JAPAN DOES EXPORT FAIRLY SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES OF SCRAP (LARGELY TO EAST ASIAN NATIONS -- POSSIBLY TO JAPANESE-AFFILIATED SCRAP USERS IN THESE COUNTRIES AND TO MAINTAIN TRADITIONAL TRADE TIES), IT IS STILL BY FAR A NET IMPORTER OF THIS COMMODITY (WITH IMPORTS EXCEEDING EXPORTS BY ABOUT 20-TO-1 MARGIN). DEPARTMENT NOTES FROM EMBTELS THAT MITSUI PROVIDED SCRAP TO ANGOLA UNDER EARLIER CONTRACTS (AS WELL AS BEING PARTY TO CURRENT CONTRACT), AND BELIEVES THAT MITSUI MIGHT BE WILLING TO SELL SOME JAPANESE SCRAP TO ANGOLA IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THIS TRADE RELATIONSHIP. KISSINGER

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